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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN,
of New York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

THOS. A. HENDRICKS,
of Indiana.

ELECTORS.

For the State at Large,
ISHAM G. HARRIS, of Shelby,
WM. B. BATE, of Davidson.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR.

JAMES D. PORTER,
of Stewart County.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

CHARLES G. SMITH,
of Stewart County.

FOR FLOATER.

COL. N. BRANDON,
of Stewart County.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

A. E. GARNER,
of Robertson County.

THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION.

We have already in our last number given to our readers the most important results of this great meeting, we have now to supplement our account by describing some of the principal scenes which occurred during the progress of the deliberations and finally to append our own comments upon the results.

The proceedings of the morning session may be very briefly dismissed, as they consisted of the necessary preliminaries such as the election of officers and appointment of committees, which are indispensable but not interesting.

This process was made longer than usual by a resolution requiring the members of the several committees to be elected by their respective delegations instead of, as usual, appointed by the Chairman.

All that we need say is that the temporary Chairman was Col. John M. Fleming of Knox county, and that he was superseded in due time by the Hon. James D. Richardson of Rutherford. Both gentlemen made speeches, eloquent and to the purpose, but necessarily pursuing the routine from which speakers on such occasions cannot hope to escape.

For the permanent chairman we will here say that he did much better service than the first orator in the world would have amounted to, by the firmness, good temper and impartiality with which he presided over the deliberations of an assembly which, to express it mildly, presented some very knotty points for a chairman to deal with.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

This session was mainly occupied with the reports of the committees appointed in the morning. We give only what is essential. The committee on basis of representation reported the following list as the number of votes each county was entitled to, it may be important for future reference:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Carter 4 votes, Claiborne, Cooke 6, Granger 5, Greene 12, Hancock 3, Hawkins 12, Johnson 1, Sullivan 16, Washington 16.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Anderson 4, Blount 3, Campbell 3, Jefferson 6, Knox 24, Loudon 5, Monroe 3, Morgan 12, Boone 6, Scott 1, Sevier 5, Macon 3.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Bledsoe 3, Bradley 6, Cannon 8, Cumberland 2, DeKalb 6, Grundy 3, Hamilton 11, James 2, Marion 1, McMinn 10, Meigs 5, Polk 6, Rhea 5, Sequoyah 2, Van Buren 2, Warren 12, White 10.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Clay 4, Fentress 1, Jackson 8, Macon 3, Overton 7, Putnam 5, Robertson 16, Smith 12, Sumner 13, Trousdale 5, Wilson 21.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Bedford 18, Coffee 8, Franklin 14, Lincoln 13, Marshall 16, Moore 3, Rutherford 27.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Cheatham 7, Davidson 5, Dickson 10, Houston 5, Humphreys 10, Montgomery 29, Stewart 14.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Giles 26, Hickman 9, Lawrence 7, Lewis 1, Maury 30, Wayne 6, Williamson 17.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Benton 7, Carroll 14, Decatur 5, Hardin 10, Henderson 9, Hunt 18, Madison 23, McNairy 10, Perry 5.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Dyer 13, Gibson 28, Haywood 19, Lake 2, Lauderdale 9, Obion 16, Tip-top 11, Weakley 14.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Foyette 31, Hardeman 19, Shelby 88.

Of the committees appointed the only one necessary to record is that on Resolutions.

First District—John E. Helms, H. H. Ingersoll.
Second District—Samuel Kinney, S. H. Lee.
Third District—J. P. Irvin, W. E. P. Jones.
Fourth District—J. C. Stark, A. B. Martin.
Fifth District—J. W. Newman, J. H. Jamison.
Sixth District—Neill S. Brown, Jas. R. Bailey.
Seventh District—Leggert, Jas. McCullum.
Eighth District—W. P. Robertson, Clinton Aden.
Ninth District—Holmes C. Patterson, John T. Carthal.
Tenth District—Jas. Fentress, Geo. R. Phelan.

The afternoon was chiefly spent in filling out the resolutions. The committee on raising questions such as motions to adjourn &c., for the purpose of causing delay, the object on this occasion was to prevent the election of State Electors being proceeded with before the report of the Committee on Platform was read. It was only partially successful, we ought to have mentioned however that the afternoon session was opened by an excellent speech from ex-Governor Neil S. Brown. This gentleman is always and deservedly listened to with attention; the strongest point he made was that the State Debt was a crime compared with the Federal debt caused by the

enormous expenditure of the Government at Washington, and that, if the authorities would leave the people's money in their pockets, the State debt could easily be managed principal and interest both.

After some stirring and illiberal nomination of candidates was declared in order.

Judge J. C. Gould took the floor and nominated Gen. Wm. B. Bate for first choice as elector alluding in a spirited speech to his distinguished services both in the political affairs of the State and as a tried and approved soldier in two wars.

After considerable discussion, the Convention adjourned without proceeding to election till 8 p. m. The motion for adjournment was carried by a vote of 609 to 384.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

When we entered the hall a little after 8 p. m. we found a very crowded house listening to an animated address from Col. C. A. Sheafe.

A short discussion then ensued as to whether two electors should be elected at once or one at a time; the motion for severing the two elections was carried by a narrow majority, 5203 to 3053.

Still one more incident intervened before the election now intensely exciting the convention was proceeded with. A letter was read by the Chairman from Mrs. Napoleon Cromwell requesting permission to address the convention on the subject of Female Suffrage.

A motion was carried unanimously to invite the lady to speak for ten minutes and on the motion of Gen. Wm. A. Quarles of Montgomery, Dr. D. F. Wright of Montgomery and the Hon. Tomlinson Ford to escort the lady to the stand. Mr. Ford moved a reconsideration of that clause which limited the lady to ten minutes, saying that he could never be induced to propose to a lady that she should speak under such limitation. This motion was carried. Mrs. Cromwell was then conducted to the stand and introduced to the stand by Dr. Wright amid vociferous applause and some little snickering from those who did not understand the gravity of the occasion.

The lady then delivered with considerable power of eloquence the customary arguments in favor of female suffrage, and was reconducted to her friends amid loud applause.

After a motion of thanks to all the parties concerned for the intellectual treat afforded the convention, Col. Sheafe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the roll of counties be read for nominations for candidates for elector for the year 1876, and that the delegate make the nomination, and his second be each allowed five minutes in which to present claims of the nomination.

Mr. Ledgerwood of Knox, nominated Mr. J. H. Crozier, and Dr. R. L. C. White seconded the nomination.

Mr. Thos. Gregory nominated Col. John M. Fleming, who declined the nomination.

Mr. Luke E. Wright of Memphis, nominated ex-Governor Isham G. Harris as one "whose name carried with it more force than the most elaborate rhetoric."

Judge Jesse G. Wallace seconded the nomination.

The Convention then proceeded to vote and it soon became manifest that Gen. Bate would obtain the majority. This occasioned many votes one after another to be changed in his favor, and finally his election was made unanimous. Loud calls were now made for the General and he was conducted to the stand.

The speech of Gen. Bate was brief, but was a stirring appeal in favor of Tilden and Hendricks. He said that Reform, a question dogged by the Cincinnati convention was laid down as the great issue of this question by the St. Louis Convention, and would carry those gentlemen with power with a resistless torrent; and that when established in the White House, Mr. T. would wield a scourge of Scorpions to expel the speculators from the positions which they had disgraced with fraud and corruption.

GOVERNOR HARRIS.

Was then loudly called for, he made his speech with unusual excitement. The substance of it was dictated by intuition which had reached his ears that the course which he had pursued in secession times was distasteful to the Eastern counties and likely to impair his usefulness if elected.

Two conflicting emotions evidently possessed him; a generous ambition to carry the banner of his State through the dreariest contest now inaugurated and a distrust of his previous record might be a bar to success in doing so. It has not occurred to us more than twice or three in a long life to witness such an effusion; it was the eloquence not of art but of nature welling up from the profoundest emotions of which the human soul is capable—we dwell upon this speech because the report of it which we give taken from the Nashville American gives a most inadequate conception of its character—we have supplied from our own memory the obvious typographical omissions, but still our reports give no more adequate impression of the speech to one who has not heard it, than a painted storm scene can offer of the sheeted lightning.

The audience vociferously refused to allow of his withdrawal and after tumultuous calls for his nomination as second elector by acclamation followed by his entreaty that he might be allowed to withdraw, order was restored and nominations for another elector were declared in order.

The following were the nominees: Mr. John H. Crozier by Mr. Ledgerwood.

Mr. Isham G. Harris by Dr. R. L. C. White.

Capt. W. A. James by Mr. Gaskill.

Mr. E. G. Ewing said that until within days two he had been opposed to Mr. Harris but he was now strongly in favor of him as he believed the time had come when brains must come to the front.

Voting then commenced, during which a little incident occurred which was unfortunate as being misunderstood by Mr. James and exciting some little irritation in that gentleman.

The first counties called were those of East Tennessee most of which gave their first votes in favor of Mr. James rather than Mr. Harris, Mr. Harris' friends and one of them shouted "Never mind, we'll be out of East Tennessee soon." The exclamation was a natural one and we were well assured that it was intended as no slight upon either to Mr. James or East Tennessee.

ness, but simply a cry of encouragement to the disappointed friends of Gov. Harris. Mr. James unfortunately took it in the former sense.

As the voting reached the Middle and Western States many votes were cast for Gov. Harris and as this went on many East Tennessee votes were changed in favor of him and finally the vote was made unanimous for him with loud acclamations.

Mr. Hubbard of Jefferson county here said that although much of the opposition to Messrs. Bate and Harris, had arisen in the East of the State nevertheless when those gentlemen came to East Tennessee they would be received with open arms by the whole country.

Gov. Harris was now called for vociferously and responded this time very briefly with thanks for the honor done him and a pledge to bear the banner aloft and to do all that was in him towards achieving a triumphant success for the noble principles of the party.

Both have of course, been more or less thwarted. The House has been able to reduce expenditures only 30,000,000 instead of the 45,000,000 aimed at, and the Senate has succeeded in bringing off Belknap with blasted reputation indeed but without technical conviction. In the latter part of the session, as is always the case on the eve of a presidential election, legislation has given way to electioneering speeches, one most important topic standing over for next session, the reorganization of silver.

On the whole it has perhaps been better for the Democratic party itself that legislation has not, during the present session, been more completely under its control. Its politicians through long exercise of power have become experienced in the practical working of legislation though full of zeal and talents, and it would have been too severe a test for them to have imposed upon them at once the responsibilities of a complete control of the body politic—they have, in the present session, acquired inestimable experience, they have recognized their leaders, and attained a compact and well disciplined party organization; there is hardly a doubt that they will next session be able to do much more with them an increased force, if not preponderance, in the Senate—and then at last and to the up-blast which radical despotism and corruption has so long thrown over the prosperity of the nation.

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THE HON. JOHN F. HOUSE.

We have great pleasure in inserting a resolution passed unanimously by the delegates of the whole 9th District endorsing the conduct of our Representative while in office, and pledging him the support of the District in his candidature for re-election.

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The result has been what men have heard so much of the last six months under the title of the DEAD LOCK. The House set itself all through the session to the reduction of expenditures, and the exposure of abuses, which was devoted to the maintenance of the status quo, and the shielding of delinquents.

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Col. J. P. Rogers offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention thanks its thanks to J. W. Jones, Griffin Orain, T. L. Yancey, J. T. Darden, Berry Lyle, J. Blackford and L. P. Howard, the Executive Committee, for their efficient service. And they are re-elected to remain an Executive Committee for one year, with the power of calling the Independent voters of Montgomery county together in convention when circumstances require.

E. S. SHELTON, Secretary.

We are yet strongly of the opinion that the many good Democrats who took part in that meeting will think again, and think seriously, before they conclude to break up the unity of the party, and so tempt the prospects of a great Democratic triumph in November, for issues so inconsiderable as are now before us. The points of difference between this platform and that of the Nashville convention are small considerations when it is proposed to sacrifice to them the momentary purpose of giving a solid Democratic majority to Tilden and Hendricks.

November. Indeed, the speeches on the occasion, so far as they have been reported to us, manifest the fact that there is no consolidated party or section of party behind these resolutions.

Squire Hampton, without calling himself a Democrat at all, warned them against a precipitate action in severing the party. Mr. A. B. Maxey earnestly advised them to unite their forces in the support of Democracy at large, and Squire Maxey was on a much larger force than was necessary was patient to all, and none anticipated that the equable Conkling would parade the truth before the country, with the force of his authority; especially just at this time. No wonder his fellow Senators said that he was "unwise." A confession from so prominent a member of the Administration party, that the abuses of which the people are complaining, do exist, and need correction, was not expected; and in so far as it strengthened the hands of those, who are working for reformation, it is not approved by the men who have an interest in maintaining the present system of extravagance.

OTHER MATTERS.

The heat has somewhat abated, and we can again resume our daily occupations in comparative comfort and without that feeling of utter exhaustion which during the past few days we have been experiencing. We still, however, have hills to endure, which are as reasonable as accusations for grumbling; the water that we drink is probably unimproved; this does not have a good moral effect upon us, as it tends to drive us to the use of stimulating beverages, which causes great tribulation to our temperance brethren, who are earnestly endeavoring to save their fellow men from the influences of the intoxicating cup. The depression among our working men continues, and they see no immediate prospect of amelioration of their unfortunate and distressing situation. Mayor Wickham had another visit from them on Thursday, but while he deplored the condition to which they were reduced, he was not able to offer them any encouragement that the City Government would be able to alleviate their misfortunes.

There seems now to be some chance that, before the expiration of TILDEN'S term as President, we may be able to cross to Brooklyn to look, even though the river be not blocked with ice; the cables of the bridge have been hoisted into position, and the work will now be rapidly pushed to completion.

A SAD LETTER.

Having occasion to visit Stewart county last week, I heard of one of the most deplorable murders that I have known for years. Mr. McClish, living near Dover, was on his way home on Monday, 7th inst., on foot. Some distance from town he fell in company with two negroes—Bill Mockbee and another whose name I have forgotten. One of them was carrying an axe, and walking in front of his victim when, turning suddenly around, he dealt him a blow on the side of the head with the pole of the axe and smashed his skull. They dragged him about one hundred yards